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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

The University of Chicago's noted psychologist-psychiatrist Dr. Bruno Bettelheim contributed an article in the September 1969 issue of Encounter, a British literary publication, on the world's (especially America's) adolescent rebellion. The Austrian-born and Vienna-trained Freudian psychoanalyst experienced the concentration camps of Nazi Germany and fled Europe in 1939. He has since specialized in the psychological problems of adolescents and published several books on the topic. Bettelheim addressed the House Special Subcommittee on Education last March (his most significant comments were reported in the Situation Information Report of 11 April 1969) and drew for the Subcommittee a comparison between the contemporary American youth experience and its many similarities to pre- and early, Hitler Germany.

Although Dr. Bettelheim treats the topic of "Obsolete Youth" and their solipsistic isolation empirically, at times, and theoretically at times and tends to view the overall modern campus trauma too purely through the eyes of a psychologist seeking psychological and psychiatric solutions to what he views as psych-type problems, and overlooking several important additional societal vectors, his presentation of the basic problems and his suggested solutions emerge as perhaps revolutionary but most assuredly imaginative and worthy of serious consideration indeed.

Dr. Bettelheim writes that modern youths see themselves as obsolete and without a future in our automated technocratic and computerized age. Although American youth claims the social stimuli of the draft, the war, the Negro and poverty, the rebellious German youth has no Negro problem to rally around and the Vietnam War has only a remote influence on the Japanese radical. What then, asks Dr. Bettelheim is common to so wide a cross section of world youth? The answer he believes is that they are all against the Americans, presumably because of the magnitude of their military establishment, and especially the bomb. They do not see a need for themselves in advancing civilization hence society does not need them. This stimulates the desire to build a wholly new and different future where their

impact on events that shape society can be felt.

Additionally Dr. Bettelheim theorizes that modern youth is advanced through puberty (a developmental biological eventuality) but held too long under parental and generational domination through adolescence (a psychological and sociological manifestation). In most of the small group of leaders of the radical left, intellect was developed at much too early an age and at the expense of their emotional development. Although exceedingly bright some remain emotionally fixated at the age of the temper tantrum. Time Magazine (September 5) in reporting on the article in Encounter believes that Dr. Bettelheim devoted his most careful scrutiny to the activities of the most radical student leaders and blames their shrillness on parents who raise them with half-baked psychoanalytic theories.. We should not suppress our inner rages but should face them only in thought and only in a safely structured treatment situation. Bettelheim reports that according to many children they do not learn (presumably in the home) to repress aggression enough. Over permissive parents exploit their children (demanding high grades, social acceptability, etc.) to fulfill their own narcissistic needs. The parents choose to follow Freud when it suits their convenience and demand "Victorian" conformity where it does not. This inconsistent parental handling forces on youth a senseless uncertainty about their own identities that turns to self-hate and later to resentment of the world at large.

Campus rebellions can and do paralyze universities. Not only because buildings are occupied and classes are interrupted but because the energy of the administration and faculty must be devoted to calming things down. Time which should be devoted to lasting scholarly achievements must be diverted to forestalling the next confrontation.

Bettelheim believes that while colleges and universities should be open to and inviting reasonable discussion of any and all relevant improvements and must be in the vanguard of initiative for constructive change, they should be sure of their values and take a determined stand against coercive intimidation. What spectacle could be more irresistibly attractive than the students feeling that they have the faculty on the run.

Dr. Bettelheim writes from his observations and experience that too many who now go to college have little interest, ability, or use for what now constitutes higher education. (Dr. Bettelheim excludes those seeking training in the firm sciences.) Many would be better off (feeling

a sense of purpose and non-obsolescence) to seek a high level education closely linked to a work program (a system widely employed in the Soviet Union). This would give scope to the need of youth to be active while enjoying tangible achievement in the immediate present. Such a combination of practical and theoretical apprenticeship would, believes Dr. Bettelheim, constitute a much better arrangement for those youths who feel no deep commitment to study and research (those who feel this commitment will always be a relatively small part of the adolescent group). Dr. Bettelheim suggests a youth service program of several years duration in which the young could work on socially relevant projects while earning pay and getting higher professional training as they do. After this work-study program only those would go to universities who really wanted to. By that time most would have acquired a real stake in society because they had helped shape it and would probably be better prepared for permanent jobs because of training received. Civilian service could be an elected alternative to military service thus eliminating the need for involuntary conscription. Dr. Bettelheim is convinced that if every able-bodied person had to serve two years in one program or the other (the military service) there would be no scarcity of those with a preference for two years in the Army.

Without a following, the extreme student radical leaders would not represent a threat to the academic institution. It is the mass support the radical leadership arouses because of general unrest among youth which alone makes them dangerous. Our focus belongs on how to provide our mass of young people with the real life experiences and the emotional satisfactions they need, for these are very different from those which their largely unconscious motives will go on pushing them towards for want of better direction.

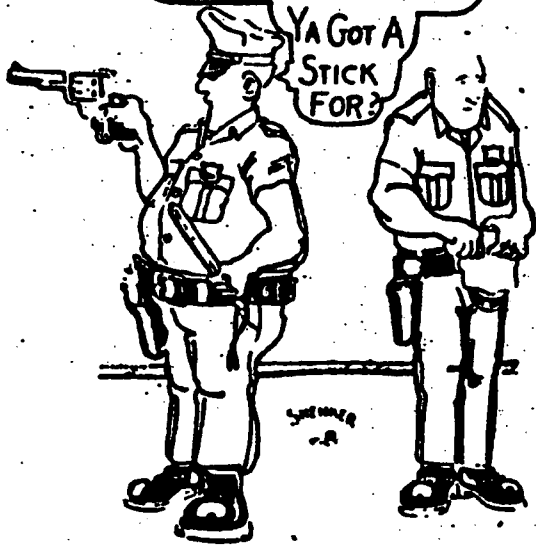
The National Socialist White People's Party (aka American Nazi Party) held a national conference at Fairfax, Virginia, on 31 August. Reportedly, the group will try to build a larger membership and strive for a better public image in order to form the base of an effective political party.



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REPORTER ON CAMPUS

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CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

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*Nationally - The aggressive National Welfare Rights Organization is planning a "fall & winter offensive" of school boycotts, marches on welfare offices, refusals to pay utility bills and rent strikes. Dr. George Wiley, militant black executive-director of the organizations, said welfare recipients will boycott schools and march on welfare offices if additional funds for school clothing are not granted.

*At the demonstration sponsored by the Chicago Peace Council and the Conspiracy on 28 August in Chicago to commemorate the confrontations at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, Rennie Davis, one of the Conspiracy Eight defendants, was one of the main speakers. Sylvia Kushner, a CPUSA member, was the moderator. In the course of his remarks, Davis stated that he desired to see mutinies occur at Army bases in the United States. He said the fall program of the anti-war movement would include:

15 September - a demonstration at an unidentified California city, where, according to Davis, "establishment leaders," will be meeting.

24 September - a demonstration at Chicago, Illinois, to protest the trials of the Chicago Eight.

8-11 October - Demonstrations in Chicago to protest the trials. SDS is calling for militant action under the slogan "Bring the War Home." In support of SDS "doing their thing."

8 November SDS is calling for demonstrations in the streets, on the campuses, and in factories across the country to protest the war.

15 November - Massive demonstrations are planned for Washington, D. C., and San Francisco, California, as a climax of the fall program against the war - for the "biggest militant march ever."

September 6

*Detroit, Michigan - Milton Henry, black extremist attorney for black militant expatriate Robert F. Williams, has announced that Williams will return to the U. S. A., entering at Detroit one week later than had been originally planned. Henry cited difficulty in getting plane reservations as the reason. The FBI has said that Williams will be arrested on a fugitive warrant on his return. While there is ample reason to believe Williams would like very much to be leading militant blacks in their activities in the United States, the threat of imprisonment may continue to keep him out of the country.

September 5

*Dayton, Ohio - The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Dayton, Ohio, is planning demonstrations to show support of civil rights activists who filed suits in Federal Court, Washington, D. C., claiming discrimination within the Federal Government concerning employment practices, promotions, and equal opportunities. NAACP members and associates plan to meet in Dayton on 4 September, and thereafter establish picket lines at Federal installations in the city. Reportedly, on 5 September, buses will depart Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio, for Washington, D. C.

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September 6

*Washington, D. C. - The informant was advised that buses would also depart other cities arriving Washington on 6 September. Upon arrival in Washington, the demonstrators will split into two groups, one group plans to visit the Department of Justice; however, the action planned for the second group was not reported. All demonstrations reportedly will be peaceful.

September 7

Washington, D. C. - The Caesar Chavez-led United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, which has been promoting a grape boycott to demand higher wages for grape workers, plans to demonstrate at Washington, D. C., on 7 September. The demonstrators will hold a rally at the Sylvan Theater near the Washington Monument. At the conclusion of the rally, they will march to Arlington Cemetery, where they hope to hold a mass near the grave of Robert F. Kennedy. They are

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considering inviting Mrs. Ethel Kennedy to be one of the main speakers.

September 8

*Cleveland, Ohio - Reportedly, a letter issued by "Citizens Inquiry for Legal Defense, N. James Carlson, Chairman," announced that at a meeting, the conviction of Fred Ahmed Evans, a Black Nationalist leader convicted of murdering three policemen in Cleveland, Ohio, in July 1968 was discussed. The letter proposed that picketing be conducted on 8 September 1969 at the Federal Building (presumably in Cleveland) seeking support of the United States Department of Justice to investigate the conduct of the Cleveland Police Department. Carlson, a professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, was reported in 1962 to have been chairman of a local organization of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, a pacifist group.

September 9

*San Francisco, California - Leaflets and flyers distributed by dissident elements in the San Francisco area indicate a demonstration is planned to protest the banquet and visit of Vice-President Spiro Agnew, who will be representing the White House at the Japan Week festivities in San Francisco.

A coalition of SDS, Los Siete de la Raza, Chinatown Red Guard, the Asian American Political Alliance, the High School Student Union, and others have called a series of protests and actions to protest Japan Week and also the International Industrial Conference the next week.

September 9

New Orleans, Louisiana - Southern University was the scene of much disruption the past school year and former students have now organized The Black People's Party, which is calling for the repeal of riot legislation, a retraction of the governor's statement that troops would be sent to troubled campuses, the reinstatement of suspended and expelled students, and the dismissal of legal charges against students arising from last year's disruptions. Reportedly - a group of expelled students plans to disrupt registration activities at the University beginning 9 September.

September 11

Chicago, Illinois - Eugene Gladstone, a member of the Steering Committee of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War (main organizer and sponsor of the proposed

major demonstration of the fall - November 15 - in Washington, D. C.), has stated that organizers will visit campuses after school starts in September to develop support for the fall demonstrations. A militant, but non-violent, demonstration will be held in Chicago to support the "Chicago Eight," on 11 September.

September 12

*University of Puerto Rico - The Federation of University Students for Independence has announced that it will hold a sit-in at the University of Puerto Rico on 12 September to demand that the Reserve Officers Training Corps be abolished.

September 13 & 15

*Washington, D. C. - A Quaker Action Group plans to demonstrate at all entrances to the White House on these two days. The demonstrators will follow the currently popular anti-war protest action by reading the names of individuals killed in Vietnam.

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September 15-20

*San Francisco, California - A five-day International Industrial Conference (IIC), a quadrennial affair conducted by the National Industrial Conference Board and Stanford Research Institute (SRI), will be held at the Fairmount Hotel in San Francisco. The emphasis since the first conference in 1957 has been on "Closing the World's Income Gap." The conference will bring together some 500 representatives of major industries, technological, and financial firms like U. S. Steel, IBM, Chase Manhattan Bank, etc. General Conference Chairman is David Rockefeller; Chairman of the International Council is John Loudon of Royal Dutch Shell; and U. S. Council Chairman is Roger Blough of U. S. Steel.

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The April Third Movement, a coalition of protest groups at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, which has previously been active in demonstrating against the Stanford Research Institute, has announced that it will sponsor demonstrations September 15-20, during the Conference. The April Third Movement, which is dominated by SDS, is to act as the coordinator for radical demonstrations at the Conference, and Stanford University is to be used as a base of operations. An early estimate is that from 3,000 to 5,000 radical demonstrators, mainly from SDS, will travel to San Francisco for the Conference. The students say the conference "is designed to consolidate the dominion of the multi-national corporations in the third world." The movement has also announced that it will continue

its investigation of Government research at both the Institute and the University and will also consider other areas. Authorities feel there is a definite possibility of violence during the demonstrations. President Nixon reportedly will speak at the conference on the 18th. Leaflets and flyers distributed in the San Francisco area indicate "massive demonstrations" were advertised for that event.

The Coalition (see 9 September San Francisco item) is calling for demonstrations and a Peoples' Festival during the week (15-19 September). The Coalition plans demonstrations, "to expose the men who own, run, and control this country and much of the world." The Coalition says it "will stop the conference."

The demonstration on the opening day - aimed at the Fairmont Hotel - calls for a rally at 11 a. m. at either Union Square or Washington Square and at 11:30 a. m. - the people will move on the Hotel "to stop HC."

The Peoples' Festival, scheduled for 12-14 September, will feature music and art. Organizers are reportedly negotiating for use of either Union Square or Washington Park.

September 16

Southwest, United States - Mexican-American and other Spanish-speaking youths intend to shut down the schools of the Southwest on 16 September in a demonstration of solidarity and protest on the anniversary date of the Mexican Revolution. According to Rudolpho "Corky" Gonzales, leader of the Crusade for Justice, a militant Mexican-American group, it will be a demonstration "to change the whole educational system to relate to our needs.

During a speech at Fresno State College, Sacramento, California, Gonzales called for action on his "Aztlán Plan," which he hopes will unite all factions of Mexican-Americans in the United States. This plan calls for all Mexican-Americans to stand as one nation.

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*Washington, D. C. - The American Society for Industrial Security, a non-profit, professional security society will hold the Fifteenth Annual Seminar of the Society at the Washington-Hilton Hotel. Security officials from industry and Government will join together and take a hard look at the security problems they face and attempt to arrive at intelligent solutions.

September 24

Chicago, Illinois - Trial has been set for 24 September for the "Chicago Eight" protest leaders indicted on charges of conspiracy to incite a riot in connection with the disorders at the Democratic National Convention last fall. All eight pleaded "not guilty" in Federal District Court on 9 April. Each defendant also faces charges of crossing state lines to foment disorder or to otherwise violate the Civil Rights Act of 1968. Rennie Davis, Bobby Seale, John R. Froines, and Lee Weiner had their travel restrictions eased but are required to keep the Court fully informed of their movements.

September 27

Chicago, Illinois - SDS is reported to be planning to participate in a demonstration on 27 September in support of the trial defendants, the self-proclaimed "Conspiracy Eight." Other protest activities are being planned later during the trial.

October-November

In view of the number of actions already noted as planned for October and November, 1969, they are not repeated in this week's calendar. As additional or new information becomes available re this period, it will be included in subsequent issues.

SOURCE: Government and news media.

RELIABILITY: Probably true.